

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1393

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Independence High School boys' track team for their recent victories at the state track meet.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to pay recognition to those inspiring athletic teams throughout this State which, through their impressive victories, bring honor to their communities and to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the boys' track team at Independence High School is one such team; its members recently earned Division I Class AAA state titles at the TSSAA state boys track meet, held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro on May 28; and

WHEREAS, led by head coach Luke Finley and sprint coach James Johnson, the boys from Independence exhibited stellar athletic ability, outstanding speed, and a commitment to teamwork and captured the Division I Class AAA titles in the 4x200 relay and the 4x400 relay; and

WHEREAS, in the 4x200, junior R.J. Ellison, junior Jay Ryan, junior Hunter Garst, and senior Brandon Boatman broke the tape at 1:27.94, a blistering pace which outstripped all competitors and set a new school record. Freshman Jalen Wade ran as an alternate member of the relay team in the semifinals, and his contributions helped the team qualify for the finals; and

WHEREAS, the 4x400 saw runners Jay Ryan, sophomore Josh Martin, Brandon Boatman, and R.J. Ellison break the tape at 3:20.00, a mere four hundredths of a second ahead of the second-place finisher; and

WHEREAS, Independence runner Kris Howard also medaled in the 1600 meter race, and his 4:24.86 set a new sophomore record; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body recognize the Independence High School boys' track team for their recent athletic endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the Independence High School boys' track team for their recent capture of the Division I Class AAA titles in the 4x200 and 4x400 relay races and extend our best wishes for their continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.